

Remarks

The present amendment is submitted in response to the office action dated June 3, 2003. In the office action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-12 and 18-29 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. In addition, claim 14 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Moreover, claim 32 was deemed allowable.

Applicants note with appreciation that claim 32 has been deemed allowable. Further, Applicants note with appreciation that claim 14 has been objected to for being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be deemed allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, claim 33 has been added to the present application. Newly added independent claim 33 re-presents dependent claim 14 as new independent claim 33 by rewriting claim 14 in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim. Applicants respectfully submit that claim 33 is allowable as represented.

With respect to the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention, Applicants have amended independent claims 1 and 23-25 to define that the polyethylene is heterogeneous and that the polyethylene plastomer is homogeneous. Therefore, each of the independent claims defines that the second or third layer comprises a blend of a heterogeneous polyethylene and a homogeneous polyethylene plastomer. Applicants respectfully submit that this amendment overcomes the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.


Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims are in allowable form and that the application is now in condition for allowance. If, however, any outstanding issues remain, Applicants urge the Examiner to telephone Applicants' attorney so that the same may be resolved and the application expedited to issue. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to indicate all claims as allowable and to pass the application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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